

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 16 to page 2, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

At the present time when the information technology is advanced, a professional, complicated technology is demanded for use in job setup. For job setup for an information processing system having a large-scale, complicated configuration, it is particularly demanded that job setup be performed [[efficiency]] efficiently while considering how the CPU, memory, disk, backup device, and other resources are used. Meanwhile, for the definition of a job network that executes a stream of coordinated jobs, an advanced technology is required for executing the jobs while smoothly coordinating the jobs. Since increased workload is imposed on users, operators, and other job setup persons, a scheme for efficiently managing the jobs to be executed by a computer system is now called for.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 13-15 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 illustrates the hardware configuration of an information processing system according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 16-18 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 illustrates the configuration and scheme of an information processing system according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 19-21 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 shows elements that are unique to an information processing system according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 1-2 with the following amended paragraph:

[[FIG. 4 shows]] FIGS. 4A and 4B show a DTD sample of a policy definition XML file according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 3-4 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 5 illustrates the structure of a policy template according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 5-6 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 6 shows major elements of a policy template according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 7-8 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 7 shows an example of a statement written in a policy stencil according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 9-10 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 8 shows an example of a statement written in a policy stencil according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 11-12 with the following amended paragraph:

[[FIG. 9 shows]] FIGS. 9A and 9B show a DTD sample of a policy template definition XML file according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 13-15 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 10 is a PAD illustrating a process that a policy template parser according to one embodiment of the present invention performs in relation to an import function.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 6-21 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 illustrates the hardware configuration of an information processing system, which will be described as one embodiment of the present invention. The information

processing system includes a computer 110, which comprises a CPU 111 and a memory 112, which includes a ROM and a RAM; a display or other display device 120; an input interface 130, which includes a keyboard and a mouse; and a hard disk drive, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM, or other external storage device 140. The computer 110 may be a mainframe computer, workstation, personal computer, or the like. A UNIX (registered trademark) or other operating system runs on the computer 110. Various application programs run on the operating system. On the operating system, a Web server also runs to offer a Web page on which a setup guidance window described later is written. The data stored in the external storage device 140 is managed on an individual file basis by the functionality of a file system that belongs to the operating system.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 1-20 with the following amended paragraph:

In the present embodiment, a job is a unit of processing to be performed by the computer 110 as viewed from a user of the computer 110. In the information processing system of the present embodiment, a job management system operates and provides an automatic job execution scheme. The job management system is implemented by a program that is executed by the computer 110. When used with a bank's on-line system, the job management system serves, for instance, as a batch processing system for performing transaction data totalization, analysis, data backup, and other operations. The job management system receives job setup instructions and conditions entered by a user, operator, or other similar person via the input interface 130, and executes a specified job under specified conditions. The conditions include conditions concerning a schedule for specifying the job execution date/time. ~~[[As]]~~ In regards to job network setup for executing a stream of a plurality of jobs, the conditions include those which are based on inter-job restrictions such as the succeeding job execution conditions appropriate for the status of a preceding job process execution (e.g., processing in progress or processing completed).

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 10-20 with the following amended paragraph:

In the policy definition XML file 210, the elements described above are written in compliance with the XML syntax. In other words, the policy wizard GUI generates the

policy definition XML file 210 by incorporating the contents, which are set by the user, operator, or other similar person in relation to the user interface 220, into the model data for the above policy rule contained in the policy template definition in accordance with the policy template definition registered in the repository 240. [[FIG. 4 shows]] FIGS. 4A and 4B show a typical DTD (Document Type Definition) section as an example of the generated policy definition XML file 210.

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, lines 6-14 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 5 illustrates the structure of a policy template definition 250. FIG. 6 shows major elements of the policy template definition [[50]] 250. In FIG. 5 [[or]] and FIG. 6, the policy template set is a root element for all elements. The policy template group is an element for grouping policy templates. The policy template group can be written in a nested form. The policy template group plays a role similar to that of the file system's folder (directory). The policy template is an element for formulating various definitions for generating a policy rule.

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 11-20 with the following amended paragraph:

As described above, the policy template definition XML file 292 is a file in which the data for generating a policy template definition 250 is written in XML format. The policy template definition XML file 292 contains an XML statement, which is in the form of a policy stencil to serve as a stencil for the above policy definition XML file 210. The data prescribing the above wizard page within the above policy template definition 250 is written in XML format together with the stencil for a job definition statement. [[FIG. 9 shows]] FIGS. 9A and 9B show a typical DTD section as an example of the policy template definition XML file 292.

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, line 19 to page 21, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 12 is a PAD that illustrates a process concerning wizard page elements. The policy wizard GUI 230 first reads the attribute of a wizard element from the repository 240

(S1211). In this instance, the policy wizard GUI 230 also evaluates the policy template variable. Next, the policy wizard GUI 230 checks whether the page should be skipped (skip rule evaluation in the figure) (S1212). If the page should be skipped (S1213), the policy wizard GUI 230 terminates the wizard page element process (S1214). If there is the next wizard page element to be processed, the policy wizard GUI 230 starts the process for it. If there is no more wizard element to be processed, the policy wizard GUI 230 proceeds to perform processing step [[S1220]] S1215.

Please replace the paragraph at page 26, lines 13-23 with the following amended paragraph:

The storage device 1300 supplies a storage resource as needed when the operation server 1310 offers an information processing service to the operation client 1315. For example, a disk array device can be used as the storage device 1300. The storage resource is supplied as a logical volume 1360. The logical volume 1360 is a storage area that is logically set within a physical storage region, which is provided by a disk drive incorporated in the storage device 1300. As the disk drive, a hard disk drive, flexible disk drive, semiconductor memory, or other similar device can be used. The disk drive may be managed as a RAID (Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks) [[managed]].